

Minutes of the Special and Regular Meeting November 12, 2003.

Twin Pines Senior and Community Center, 1223 Ralston Avenue.

SPECIAL MEETINGS:

CLOSED SESSION, 6:45 P.M.

A. Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, San Mateo Superior Court Case No. CIV419903, Mazzilli v. City of Belmont.

Attended by Councilmembers Feierbach, Bauer, Wright, Metropulos, (Warden absent), City Manager Kersnar, City Attorney Savaree, Attorney Lee Rosenthal, Assistant City Manager Rich, Finance Director Fil. City Clerk Cook was excused from attending.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b):Anticipated Litigation, One Case

Attended by Councilmembers Feierbach, Bauer, Wright, City Manager Kersnar, City Attorney Savaree, Attorney Lee Rosenthal, Assistant City Manager Rich, Finance Director Fil. Councilmembers Warden and Metropulos recused themselves from this item. City Clerk Cook was excused from attending.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 7:18 P.M., these Closed Sessions were adjourned.

This meeting was not tape-recorded.

Terri Cook

City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER - 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Feierbach, Metropulos, Warden, Bauer, Wright

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Kersnar, Assistant City Manager Rich, City Attorney Savaree, City Clerk Cook.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Mayor Wright announced that direction was given but no action was taken at the closed sessions held earlier in the evening.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Graffignino, Folger Drive, stated that when CalTrain's weekend service resumes, there would be no weekend service for Belmont. He encouraged people to write to CalTrain to comment.

City Manager Kersnar stated that the City had made a formal response to CalTrain regarding the discontinuation of weekend service for Belmont.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Bauer thanked the citizens who had assisted with the recent purse-snatching incident.

Councilmember Warden announced that Ralston Middle School would be holding a car wash on November 15, and that the proceeds would be donated to the victims of the recent fires in Southern California.

Councilmember Metropulos announced the dedication of Fire Station 14 on November 18. He added that the station would be dedicated in memory of Firefighters Dan Gadwah and Gene Mullins.

Mayor Wright announced that the groundbreaking for the City Hall/Police Facilities had occurred earlier in the day. He shared the proclamation presented for the occasion by Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, and thanked Councilmember Warden for his efforts in securing federal funding to help with the project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of meeting minutes: Special and Regular Meeting of October 14, 2003.

Approval of Resolution 9482 of the City Council of the City of Belmont accepting a Jobs Housing Balance Incentive Grant from the State of

California, Department of Housing and Community Development Department, for an amount not to exceed \$133,346.

Approval of Resolution 9483 Accepting Work, Approving Contract Change Order Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and Authorization to Issue a Notice of Substantial Completion for the Gordon Avenue and Hill Street Improvement Project, Redgwick Construction Company, City Contract Number 422

Approval of Resolution 9484 in appreciation for outstanding public service to Mayor Wright.

Approval of Resolution 9485 in appreciation for outstanding public service to City Treasurer Mason.

Action: On a motion by Councilmember Metropulos, seconded by Councilmember Warden, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

OATH OF OFFICE OF CITY CLERK TERRI COOK

Mayor Wright administered the Oath of Office to City Clerk Cook.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CITY TREASURER HOWARD MASON

Mayor Wright presented outgoing City Treasurer Mason with a framed copy of the Resolution of Appreciation for Outstanding Public Service. Finance Director Fil presented a plaque.

Howard Mason, Outgoing City Treasurer, thanked the Council, staff, and community for the privilege of serving as City Treasurer. He commented that this commitment is similar to that of military service relative to the amount of time necessary to do the job. He also commented that he is comfortable in the knowledge that duty has been served.

Chester Fisher, President, Belmont Chamber of Commerce, stated that City Treasurer Mason's support for the Chamber over the years has been invaluable. He was also presented with a gift of appreciation.

Bob Ledoux, Finance Commissioner, stated that he has been friends and neighbors with Howard Mason for over thirty years, and that it was Howard who had invited him to join the Finance Commission. Mr. Ledoux added that Mr. Mason is professional and insightful, and led by example.

Councilmembers added comments and thanks to City Treasurer Mason for his years of service to Belmont.

OATH OF OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER JOHN VIOLET

Outgoing City Treasurer Mason administered the Oath of Office to incoming City Treasurer Violet.

John Violet commented that his friendship with Howard Mason spanned over twenty years. He stated that he was looking forward to working with the Finance Commission in his new role. He commended the finance department, which has won numerous awards over the years.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MAYOR PAUL WRIGHT

Assistant City Manager Rich presented Linda Wright with a gift of appreciation.

Vice-Mayor Metropulos presented outgoing Mayor Wright with a framed copy of the Resolution of Outstanding Public Service. City Manager Kersnar presented a plaque.

Mayor Wright stated that Belmont residents always tell you how you are doing, and added that he has gotten positive feedback during his years on the Council. He commented that Belmont has the best city staff and quality department heads. Mayor Wright thanked Councilmembers and his family for their support, and commented that Belmont is a special community.

Chester Fisher, President, Belmont Chamber of Commerce, stated that Mayor Wright was a constant supporter of the Chamber, and that he often gave them guidance. Mayor Wright was presented with a gift of appreciation from the Chamber.

Jim Bewley, South Bayside Systems Authority, presented Mayor Wright with a framed photo as a token of appreciation for his years of service to the Authority. He thanked the Mayor for his insight.

Catherine Bonnar, Belmont-Redwood Shores School District, stated that Mayor Wright represents the embodiment of civic engagement. She also stated that Mayor Wright helped the school district in fundraising training for the Ralston Project, and that he supported the school district parcel tax campaigns. She added that Mayor Wright continued to forge the positive relationship between the City and the school district.

Councilmembers added their own personal comments and thanks to Mayor Wright.

OATH OF OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBERS WARDEN AND MATHEWSON

City Clerk Cook administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Warden.

Councilmember Warden stated that he cares very much about Belmont, and that he has always voted for what he feels is best for the City. He added that it is a privilege to serve on the City Council.

Bob Griffith administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Mathewson.

Councilmember Mathewson took his seat at the dais. He outlined his educational and professional background. He stated that he was appointed to the Planning Commission in 1998, and that he was active in the Central Neighborhood Association and other organizations in Belmont. He commented that there was a need for a Public Works Commission. He stated that redevelopment dollars were necessary to promote a sound economic development strategy, and challenged the community to make that happen. He also stated that residents are passionate about Belmont, and he promises to be accessible.

OATH OF OFFICE OF NEW MAYOR

Michelle Reid/Cathy Garcia, parents at Central Elementary School, presented incoming Mayor Metropulos with a key signed by the student body at Central. They stated that since the Mayor would have a key to the City, now he had a key to the students' hearts.

Outgoing Mayor Wright administered the Oath of Office to incoming Mayor Metropulos.

REMARKS BY NEW MAYOR

Mayor Metropulos thanked the Council, staff, and supporters, and introduced his family. He stated that Belmont means community and relationships, and described the various neighborhoods which make up a thriving community. He gave examples of people working together to resolve problems. He stated that when he ran for office, his priorities were to bring unity, respect and trust to the Council.

Mayor Metropulos described the ongoing work on current projects such as City Hall, Fire Station 14, and Performance Budgeting. He outlined a number of upcoming projects such as prioritization of Redevelopment Agency funds, Highway 101 Interchange, the Belmont Library, housing, planning for the old City Hall site, and the General Plan update. He stated that he would like to complete the priorities outlined by the Council last year, and that he will do his best in the coming year.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:38 P.M.

Terri Cook

City Clerk

Meeting Tape Recorded & Videotaped

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